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43 CFR 3500 – Solid Leasable Minerals

Prospecting Permit Applications UTU-86299 and UTU-87241

Requirement for Detailed Exploration Plan for Prospecting Permits

<u>Background</u> - Your hardrock Prospecting Application and Permit for lands south of Eureka, Utah was received by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on June 2, 2008. The lands of interest to your organization are Federal acquired lands, purchased by the Federal government under authority of the Bankhead Jones Act of 1937 (P.L. 75-210). These lands have been divided into two hardrock Prospecting Application and Permit cases and assigned two BLM case file numbers. For BLM case file UTU-86299, the lands of interest are:

Township 11 South, Range 3 West, SLBM Sec 13, SW¹/₄; Sec 24, NW¹/₄.

For BLM case file UTU-87241, the lands of interest are Township 11 South, Range 3 West, SLBM Sec. 12, lot 2, SE¼ NW¼, W½NW¼, SW¼.

A Mineral Potential Report was completed by the BLM for hardrock prospecting permit application UTU-86299 on April 30, 2010 and approved on September 23, 2010. A second Mineral Potential Report was completed for the other hardrock prospecting permit application, UTU-87241, on August 9, 2011 and approved on August 10, 2011. Both reports concluded that further exploration was required in order to determine the presence of a valuable mineral deposit in their respective areas.

Prospecting and Leasing of Solid Minerals other than Coal and Oil Shale under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 as amended, are governed under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 43 §3500. The official location of these regulations can be found on the internet at:

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse

Title 43, Volume 2, Chapter II, Parts 3500 and 3590.

Prospecting applications submitted after November 7, 2005 have been determined as requiring a case-by-case processing fee for proposed mineral activities on these lands and will be required, as stated in 43 CFR §3502.12. These fees are described in greater detail under 43 CFR §3000.11 and below.

<u>Detailed Exploration Plans Required</u> – The BLM requested an Exploration Plans on April 9, 2014.. To date no Exploration Plans have been received.

Please submit two exploration plans, one for each hardrock prospecting permit area, to Fillmore Field Office of the BLM, 95 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631. The exploration plans should describe in detail your exploration and surface disturbance proposals for the area described by UTU-86299 and UTU-87241. The exploration plans should conform to 43 CFR§3505.45 and include maps, drill hole or trench details, access routes, and any cross-country travel routes or new road construction. Sampling of any data should include what is to be sampled and the methods that will be used to sample the material. Regulations at 43 CFR 3593 should be adhered to for any sampling and the details should be included in the exploration plan.

<u>Compliance Period</u> – A period of 60 days from the receipt of this decision is required to submit the exploration plans. If no action is taken within the time allowed, these applications will be rejected and the records in this office will be closed.

Processing Fee Required – As required by 43 CFR §3505.12, you will be charged a processing fee, which BLM will determine on a case-by-case basis as described in 43 CFR §3000.11. After the BLM receives the exploration plan proposals, the BLM will determine the costs for processing your documents and will provide you with a written estimate of the fee for reasonable processing costs after the BLM considers the factors in Section 304(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). As specified in 43 CFR §3000.11(4)(iii), once processing is complete, we will refund to you any money that we did not spend on processing costs. If costs are exceeded then the BLM will request additional funds. The processing fee will include costs for the examination by resource specialists of potential impacts upon public land resources, such as archaeology and cultural issues, range management, realty, recreation, and wildlife. The processing fee will also include costs for preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and associated documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), review and approval of the Exploration Plan and issuance of the Prospecting Permit.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4, and the enclosed Form 1842.1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21)(58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) (request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay **must** also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards.

- The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Leeds, BLM FFO Geologist, at (435) 743-3115.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Form 1842-1

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